Document No. NApproved For Release. (ĕléase 1999/09/08 : CIA-RDP82-00457R000200760005-5 ☐ DECLASSIFIED 25X1A2g Class. CHANGED DDA REG <u>l</u>gence report Date: 5 APR 1978 COUNTRY Lebanon/Iran/Palestine DATE: 25X1X6 INFO. SUBJECT Relations of Soviet Minister Solod With (A) Iranian Ministers and (B) Palestine DIST. 20 January 1947 Arabs **PAGES** ORIGIN 25X1A6a SUPPLEMENT 25X1X6 Defore the departure from Beirut of the retiring Lebanese Minister from Tran, Massud Monsed, in September 1956, Daniel Solod, the Soviet Minister, made a speech which expressed his regret at Moazed's leaving Beirut, but in which Solod stated his pleasure in the fact that Moazed was returning to the Foreign Office in Tehran to work in contact with the Russian Government. 2. The return of Moazed to the Iranian Foreign Office, of which he was the former head at the time when Solod was an Attache in Tehran, is regarded in Beirut diplomatic circles as a success for the Russians. The two men were on excellent terms during the period that Meazed was in Beirut.

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 - 3. The new Iranian Minister to Lebanon, Zein Rahmema, is regarded as one of Qavam's men, and by no means as pro-Soviet. It is understood that there is not nearly the intimacy between this Minister and Solod as existed during the term of office of Moazed.
 - It has been reported that on 2 September Taha Mikati, Nazmi Shahal and Faqir al-Din Qawuqji (cousin of Fawai Qawuqji) went to Beirut, from Tripoli, in order to ask Soviet Minister Solod to find Fawzi Quwuqji (former Axis agent) and return him to Lebanon or Syria.

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- 5. On 6 October another delegation from Tripoli went to Beirut to see Muhammad Tawfiq Khalid, Mufti of Lebenon, in order to ask him to see Solod and persuade him to obtain the release of Fawzi Quwuqji, so that Qawuqji could go to Lebanon and join in the defense of the Palestine Arabs.
- 6. The Mufti flatly refused and said that he would not meet the Soviet Minister or contact the Soviet Government, even if his own life were involved, and he warned the delegation not to work for the solution of the Palestine problem
- 7. The delegation then is said to have visited Mustafa al-'Aris (head of the Lebanese Federation of Labor Unions) and Hasan Kureitem (Communist leader), who arranged a meeting with Solod.
- 8. Akram Zuaytar, an Arab Palestinian leader who fled to Turkey during the war and who returned to Damascus a year ago, a close friend of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, is reported to have met Soviet Minister Solod on 27 September at the home of Omar Bayhum in the mountain resport of Sofar.

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